

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A component mounting sequence optimizing method in component mounting with use of a component holding head (112) having a plurality of component holding members (111) and a component image pickup section (116) for capturing images of components (21) held by the component holding members,

the method comprising:

comparing conveyance times required for conveyances of components held by the component holding members to respective mounting positions with recognition times required for recognitions of the components held by the component holding members with the component image pickup section by using the a control device (300); and

determining a mounting sequence for the components held by the component holding head by the control device on basis of a result of the comparison.

2. (Currently Amended) The component mounting sequence optimizing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: in the comparing operation, determining mounting preparation times (T) that are the longer ones in the conveyance times and the recognition times for the components; and determining a component having the shortest one in the mounting preparation times as a component that is to be subsequently mounted.

3. (Currently Amended) The component mounting sequence optimizing method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, further comprising: before the comparing operation, determining mounting conditions required for mounting of the components by the control device.

4. (Currently Amended) A component mounting device comprising:  
a component holding head (112) having a plurality of component holding members (111);

a component image pickup section (116) configured to capture images of components (21) held by the component holding members, wherein the components are held and mounted by the component holding head;

a control device (300) configured to make comparison between conveyance times required for conveyances of the components held by the component holding members to respective mounting positions and recognition times required for recognitions of the components held by the component holding members with the component image pickup section and to determine a mounting sequence for the components held by the component holding head on basis of a result of the comparison.

5. (Currently Amended) The component mounting device as claimed in claim 4, wherein in the comparison operation, the control device determines mounting preparation times (T) that are the longer ones in the conveyance times and the recognition times for the components, and determines a component having the shortest one in the mounting preparation times as a component that is to be subsequently mounted.

6. (Currently Amended) The component mounting device as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein the control device further determines mounting conditions required for mounting of the components.

7. (Currently Amended) A program for making a computer execute a component mounting sequence optimizing method in component mounting with use of a component holding head (112) having a plurality of component holding members (111) and a component image pickup section (116) for capturing images of components (21) held by the component holding members,

the program comprising:

a procedure of making comparison between conveyance times required for conveyances of the components held by the component holding members to respective mounting positions and recognition times required for recognitions of the components held by the component holding members with the component image pickup section; and

a procedure of determining a mounting sequence for the components held by the component holding head on basis of a result of the comparison.

8. (Currently Amended) The program as claimed in claim 7, further comprising: in the comparison procedure, a procedure of determining mounting preparation times ( $T$ ) that are the longer ones in the conveyance times and the recognition times for the components; and a procedure of determining a component having the shortest one in the determined mounting preparation times as a component that is to be subsequently mounted.

9. (Currently Amended) The program as claimed in claim 7 or 8, further comprising, before the comparison procedure, a procedure of determining mounting conditions required for mounting of the components.

10. (Currently Amended) A recording medium which can be read by computers and in which a program is recorded for making a computer execute a component mounting sequence optimizing method in component mounting with use of a component holding head (112) having a plurality of component holding members (111) and a component image pickup section (116) for capturing images of components (21) held by the component holding members,

the recording medium which has the program comprising:

a procedure of making comparison between conveyance times required for conveyances of the components held by the component holding members to respective mounting positions and recognition times required for recognitions of the components held by the component holding members with the component image pickup section; and

a procedure of determining a mounting sequence for the components held by the component holding head on basis of a result of the comparison.

11. (Currently Amended) The recording medium as claimed in claim 10, the program further comprising: in the comparison procedure, a procedure of determining mounting preparation times

(T) that are the longer ones in the conveyance times and the recognition times for the components; and a procedure of determining a component having the shortest one in the determined mounting preparation times as a component that is to be subsequently mounted.

12. (Currently Amended) The recording medium as claimed in claim 10 or 11, the program further comprising, before the comparison procedure, a procedure of determining mounting conditions required for mounting of the components.